

Assembly Bill No. 2436

CHAPTER 779

An act to add and repeal Section 3055 of the Penal Code, relating to parole.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2436, Ruskin. Imprisonment: parole: programs.

Existing law requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to establish 3 pilot programs to provide intensive training and counseling to female parolees to help the parolees reintegrate into society.

This bill would require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to establish a pilot program in East Palo Alto for parolees returning to East Palo Alto which would conduct needs-based assessments of the individual parolees, partner with East Palo Alto police officers, and blend enforcement and programming services, as specified. The bill would require the department to maintain information on the effectiveness of the program, as specified, and report to the Legislature on request. The bill would state its operation is contingent upon consent by the City of East Palo Alto to participate in the pilot program. The bill would also provide that these provisions would be repealed on January 1, 2010.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares the following:

(a) Support services provided to parolees helps the parolee reintegrate into society and reduces recidivism rates.

(b) The creation of a pilot program in East Palo Alto will help the Legislature determine the effectiveness of the program.

SEC. 2. Section 3055 is added to the Penal Code, to read:

3055. (a) The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, to the extent existing resources are available or additional resources for these purposes are appropriated, shall establish a reentry program in the City of East Palo Alto.

(b) The reentry program may include, but is not limited to, the following components:

(1) A prerelease needs assessment of inmates scheduled to parole to East Palo Alto.

(2) A partnership between parole agents and local law enforcement officers in supervising parolees released to East Palo Alto.

(3) Development of a reentry plan identifying services needed by the parolee.

(4) A partnership with local community organizations and service providers to provide support services to parolees such as transitional housing, job training, or placement, or substance abuse treatment.

(c) The department shall maintain statistical information related to this reentry program, including, but not limited to, the number of parolees served and the rate of return to prison for those parolees. This information shall be provided to the Legislature upon request.

(d) This section shall become operative only upon the consent of the City of East Palo Alto to participate in the pilot program.

(e) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends that date.